

BOROUGH OF STAMFORD.

ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1942.

SECTION A. STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area	1918 acres.
Population	10510
Rateable Value	£65845
Sum represented by Penny Rate	£250.
Number of inhabited houses from Rate Book.	2,700

Live Births	Total	170	M.	93	F.	77	Birth Rate	Corresponding
	Legitimate	159		87		72	per 1,000	figure for
	Illegitimate	11		6		5	population	England and
							16.1	Wales
Deaths		145		71		74	Death Rate	15.8
							per 1,000	"
							population	13.0
Deaths of Infants under one year of age								
	per 1,000 live births						35.3	"
								49.0

Birth Rate in the Borough has decreased by 1.0 compared with 1941
 Death Rate in the Borough has increased by 1.3 compared with 1941

SECTION B. - GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Provided by contract of £10 per annum with the Emergency Public Health Laboratory of the Ministry of Health at Peterborough Memorial Hospital. This service has been of immense value.

SECTION C. - SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA.

1. (1) WATER.

The Borough is supplied with a piped supply owned by the Marquess of Exeter, K.G., C.M.G., and drawn from four sources :-

Bone Mill.	
Whitewater - Supplies south of the river Welland.	
Wothorpe.	
Northfields	
Bore-hole	" north " " " "

All supplies are chlorinated at source, and have been sufficient in quantity.

Bacteriological reports have shown satisfactory results throughout the year.

SECTION E. -INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat and other Foods.

VISITS.

No. of visits to slaughter-houses, shops, bakehouses, dairies and other premises where food is prepared for sale	555
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Other miscellaneous inspections including infected houses and food decontamination preparations etc.....	186
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Total	741
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MEAT INSPECTION.

It has been possible to maintain 100% inspection throughout the year the total number of animal slaughtered and inspected being..... 8,842

TABLE 1.

CATTLE.

	excl'dg.	COWS	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS.
No. of animals inspected		809	230	40	7,468	295
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
No. of whole carcasses and offals condemned		7	9	1	-	1
No. of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned		79	28	-	-	40
Percentage of carcasses affected with tuberculosis		10.63%	16.09%	2.5%	-	13.9%
<u>Diseases other than T.B.</u>						
No. of whole carcasses and offals condemned.		7	1	2	35	11
No. of carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned		123	12	3	516	19
Percentage of carcasses with diseases other than T.B.		16.07%	5.65%	12.5%	7.38%	10.17%

TABLE 2. DETAILS OF CONDEMNED MEAT SHOWN IN ABOVE TABLE.

Meat Condemned.	Beef	Mutton	Pork	Veal.
Whole carcasses & offals	24	35	12	3
Heads	50	6	23	1
Tongues	56	6	22	1
Pairs of lungs	87	279	11	-
Livers	84	195	3	1
Plucks (complete)	-	16	4	1
Fats (Mesenteric)	47	-	26	-
Spleens	4	1	1	-
Hearts	6	6	4	-
Kidneys	7	5	1	-
Udders	7	-	-	-
Forequarters (whole)	10	-	-	-
Hindquarters (whole)	1	7	-	-
Other parts of carcasses	54	71	12	3

Total weight of meat condemned - 28,391 lbs.

Other Food Stuffs.

Summary of larger amounts of food stuffs condemned :-

Tinned Meat	834 lbs.	Tinned fish	54 tins
Sausage meat and pressed beef	75 lbs	Condensed Milk	180 tins
Fish	16 st.	Cheese	26 lbs.
		Jam	44 lbs.

MILK AND DARIES.

The various registered premises in the Borough have all received periodic inspections. A bulk sample taken from one dairy herd was reported free from tubercle bacilli.

During the year the registers were revised and brought up to date and there were registered at the end of the year :-

Cowkeepers & Wholesale & Retail Purveyors	4
Wholesale & Retail Purveyors with Dairies	1
Retail Purveyors with Dairies	6
Wholesalers & Retailers without Dairy in Borough.	1
Retailers without premises in Borough	<u>11</u>
Total	<u>23</u>

There were 3 additions to and 21 removals from the Registers during the year.

SECTION F. - PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Hospital Accommodation.

Cases of Diphtheria, Scarlet Fever, Typhoid and Para-Typhoid and Erysipelas are admitted by contract to Bourne Isolation Hospital at an annual maintenance charge of £180 per annum for 12 patients per year and an additional charge of £2:10:0 per week for all cases over this number. Accommodation has proved adequate.

Cases of Cerebro Spinal Meningitis and Dysentery can only be admitted to Bourne Isolation Hospital by special arrangement.

Minor Infectious Disease Hospital - The White House, Stamford. 20 Beds.

Cases of minor infectious disease (Measles, Rubella, Chicken-pox, Mumps and Whooping Cough) occurring amongst evacuees can be admitted to the White House. Transport is provided by the Kesteven Civil Defence Ambulance Service.

Children normally resident in the area can be admitted at the weekly charge of £3:3:0 per week to the Council concerned.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION.

Percentage of Children immunized at 31.12.42. :-

Under 5 years	25%—
5 - 15 years	72.6%

Total number of children immunized since the Council
Scheme was adopted.....1585

Of these, only 40 were inoculated under the General Practitioner Scheme, the remainder being performed at the County Clinic, by the local Medical Officer of Health on the sessional rate of attendance.

The percentage of 5 - 15 group is still below the target, 80% at which a reasonable chance of immunity from diphtheria can be expected. Percentage for the under 5 group is well below the target (75%).

In spite of hard work on the part of the School Nurse in visiting houses and explaining the necessity for immunisation, the position is far from satisfactory, and a further intensive educational drive is necessary.

SCABIES.

The Stamford treatment centre opened in November, 1941, and was officially absorbed into the Kesteven County Council Scheme early in 1942.

Patients certified as having Scabies, adults and children of both sexes, can attend any week-day from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. Cases referred by the School Nurse or the Scabies Health Visitor are seen at the Centre by the M.O.H.

All General Medical Practitioners co-operate willingly by immediate notification of fresh cases for whom they also sign a form requesting treatment.

Residents in the neighbouring Rural Districts of Ketton, Barnack and Oundle and Thrapston can be treated at the Stamford Centre by agreement between the Council concerned and the Kesteven County Council, on a contract basis of £1:1:0 per patient. This contract included the actual treatment of the patient, transport by Civil Defence Ambulance if absolutely essential and visits to infected homes by the Stamford Scabies Health Visitor for the purpose of advice and supervision of disinfection of clothing etc. These visits have been the means of discovering many unsuspected and untreated cases.

No member of the community has refused to attend the Centre for treatment. No steam disinfection of bedding, clothes etc has been necessary.

Number of patients treated during the year, 1942.

	1. Stamford Borough	2. Ketton R.D.C.	3. Barnack R.D.C.	4. Oundle and Thrapston R.D.C.
Adults. Males.	19	2	1	-
Adults Females.	61	9	11	1
Children school age and under.	138 (including 13 from South Kes- teven R.D.C.)	7	5	-
<u>TOTAL</u>	218	18	17	1

Average number of attendances to complete & cure.....6

Maximum number of weekly notifications of
fresh cases.....20

Average number of weekly notifications of
fresh cases..... 4

Actual cost of Centre for all patients
treated during the year, excluding
Nurses' salary which is the
responsibility of the Kesteven County
Council.....£49: 19: 0:

Average cost per patient treated..... 3.- 8 shillings

Total cost to Stamford Borough after
refund from Kesteven County Council
of 7/- per case in column 2,3, & 4 above...£37: 0: 0:

Average cost to Stamford Borough per
residents treated..... 2 - 9 shillings

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES REPORTED DURING THE YEAR 1942.

	Total cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Diphtheria	2	2	-
Scarlet Fever	23	16	-
Typhoid & Para Typhoid	Nil	-	-
Lobar Pneumonia	10	-	1
Cerebro Spinal Fever	Nil	-	-
Dysentery	Nil	-	-
Peurperal Pyrexia & Fever	7	2	1
Eyrsipelas	1	Nil	-
Measles	134	-	-
Whooping Cough	5	-	-

Notifications per 1,000 civilian population :-

		Corresponding figures for England and Wales
Scarlet Fever	2.18	2.19
Diphtheria	0.19	1.05
Measles	12.7	7.4

(a) CANCER. No undue prevalence in the district. No treatment or propaganda centre exists.

(b) PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS - Nil.

(c) TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	Notified during year.				Notified during year.			
	New Cases				Deaths.			
	Resp.		Non-Resp.		Resp.		Non-Resp.	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0 - 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5 "	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-
5 - 10 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10- 15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15- 25 "	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-
25- 35 "	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
35- 45 "	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	1
45- 55 "	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55- 65 "	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
TOTALS	7		7		6		1	

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